Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

(Currently amended): The document management/EDI system linkage 1 2. unit according to claim 1, wherein A document management/EDI system linkage unit, 2 3 comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a 4 5 version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control 6 means that manages version control information for the accumulation; 7 an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and 8 a linkage means that links the document management means and the EDI means, that acquires sending information of the EDI data from the EDI means, and that registers sending 9 information of the EDI data in the version control information of the relevant transaction 10 document when the accumulated transaction document and the particular version are selected 11 12 and attached to the EDI data, wherein the EDI data is sent by the EDI means, wherein the EDI means comprises a means for receiving EDI data, and 13 14 wherein the linkage means comprises a means which discerns a relevant transaction of the transaction document attached to the EDI data and, when a transaction 15 16 document is attached to the received EDI data and the attached transaction document is discerned as a document of a transaction already in progress, accumulates the attached document as the 17 -18 latest version of the relevant transaction document which is managed with relation to the 19 electronic transaction, and, when the attached transaction document is discerned as a document 20 of a new electronic transaction, accumulates the attached document as the first version of a new document and registers receiving information of the EDI data in the version control information. 21

1	3. (Currently amended): The document management/EDT system unkage
2	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising:
3	a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a
4	version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control
5	means that manages version control information for the accumulation;
6	an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and
7	a linkage means that links the document management means and the EDI means,
8	that acquires sending information of the EDI data from the EDI means, and that registers sending
9	information of the EDI data in the version control information of the relevant transaction
10	document when the accumulated transaction document and the particular version are selected
11	and attached to the EDI data, wherein the EDI data is sent by the EDI means,
12	wherein the linkage means deletes the sending information of the EDI data from
13	the version control information when a sending error occurs or sending is disabled in the EDI
14	data sent by the EDI means.
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1	(Currently amended). The decument management/EDI system linkage
1	4. (Currently amended): The document management/EDI system linkage
2	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising:
2	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a
2 3 4	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control
2 3 4 5	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control means that manages version control information for the accumulation;
2 3 4 5 6	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control means that manages version control information for the accumulation; an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and
2 3 4 5 6 7	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control means that manages version control information for the accumulation; an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and a linkage means that links the document management means and the EDI means,
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control means that manages version control information for the accumulation; an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and a linkage means that links the document management means and the EDI means, that acquires sending information of the EDI data from the EDI means, and that registers sending
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control means that manages version control information for the accumulation; an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and a linkage means that links the document management means and the EDI means, that acquires sending information of the EDI data from the EDI means, and that registers sending information of the EDI data in the version control information of the relevant transaction
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control means that manages version control information for the accumulation; an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and a linkage means that links the document management means and the EDI means, that acquires sending information of the EDI data from the EDI means, and that registers sending information of the EDI data in the version control information of the relevant transaction document when the accumulated transaction document and the particular version are selected
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control means that manages version control information for the accumulation; an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and a linkage means that links the document management means and the EDI means, that acquires sending information of the EDI data from the EDI means, and that registers sending information of the EDI data in the version control information of the relevant transaction document when the accumulated transaction document and the particular version are selected and attached to the EDI data, wherein the EDI data is sent by the EDI means,
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	unit according to claim 1, A document management/EDI system linkage unit, comprising: a document management means having an accumulation means that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control means that manages version control information for the accumulation; an EDI means that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and a linkage means that links the document management means and the EDI means, that acquires sending information of the EDI data from the EDI means, and that registers sending information of the EDI data in the version control information of the relevant transaction document when the accumulated transaction document and the particular version are selected

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the linkage means temporarily inhibits the update of the relevant transaction document using the lock means when the transaction document is sent by the EDI means, and cancels update inhibition at least when the transaction document is received, a transaction is terminated and sending is disabled.

5. (Canceled)

1 (Currently amended): The document management/EDI system linkage 6. method according to claim 5, wherein A document management/EDI system linkage method, 2 3 comprising: . 4 a document management step having an accumulation step that assigns a version to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control step that 5 6 manages version control information for the accumulation; 7 an EDI step that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and 8 a linkage step that links the document management step and the EDI step, 9 acquires sending information of the EDI data in the EDI step, and registers the sending 10 information in the version control information of the relevant transaction document when the 11 accumulated transaction document and the version are selected and attached to the created EDI 12 data, wherein the EDI data is sent in the EDI step, 13 wherein in the EDI step the EDI data is received, and 14 wherein in the linkage step, a relevant transaction of the transaction document attached to the EDI data is discerned and, when a transaction document is attached to the 15 received EDI data and the attached transaction document is discerned as a document of a 16 transaction already in progress, the attached document is accumulated as the latest version of the 17

relevant transaction document which is managed with relation to the electronic transaction and,

transaction, the attached document is accumulated as the first version of a new document and the

when the attached transaction document is discerned as a document of a new electronic

receiving information of the EDI data is registered in the version control information.

1	7. (Currently amended): The document management/EDI system linkage
2	method according to claim 5, A document management/EDI system linkage method, comprising:
3	a document management step having an accumulation step that assigns a version
4	to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control step that
5	manages version control information for the accumulation;
6	an EDI step that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and
7	a linkage step that links the document management step and the EDI step,
8	acquires sending information of the EDI data in the EDI step, and registers the sending
9	information in the version control information of the relevant transaction document when the
10	accumulated transaction document and the version are selected and attached to the created EDI
11	data, wherein the EDI data is sent in the EDI step,
12	wherein the linkage step deletes the sending information of the EDI data from the
13	version control information when a sending error occurred or sending was disabled in the EDI
14	data sent in the EDI step.
1	8. (Currently amended): -The document management/EDI system linkage
2	method according to claim 5, A document management/EDI system linkage method, comprising
3	a document management step having an accumulation step that assigns a version
4	to a prepared transaction document and accumulates the document and a version control step that
5	manages version control information for the accumulation;
6	an EDI step that creates and sends EDI data for an electronic transaction; and
7	a linkage step that links the document management step and the EDI step,
8	acquires sending information of the EDI data in the EDI step, and registers the sending
9	information in the version control information of the relevant transaction document when the
10	accumulated transaction document and the version are selected and attached to the created EDI
11	data, wherein the EDI data is sent in the EDI step,
12	wherein in the document management step, the update of a document is
13	temporarily inhibited as a lock control, and
14	in the linkage step, the update of the relevant transaction document is temporarily

inhibited by executing the lock control when the transaction document was sent through the EDI step, and, update inhibition is canceled at least when the transaction document is received, a transaction is terminated, and sending is disabled.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended): The information recording medium according to 1 claim 9, wherein An information recording medium of which the contents can be read on a 2 computer, and that records a program for executing: 3 a document management procedure including an accumulation procedure by 4 5 which a version is assigned to a prepared transaction document and the document accumulated, and a version control procedure by which version control information for the accumulation is 6 7 managed; an EDI procedure by which EDI data for an electronic transaction is created and 8 9 sent by an EDI means; and a linkage procedure by which the document management procedure and the EDI 10 procedure are linked, by which sending information of the EDI data in the EDI procedure is 11 acquired and the sending information in the version control information of the relevant 12 transaction document is registered when the accumulated transaction document and the particular 13 version are selected and attached to the EDI data, wherein the EDI data is sent by the EDI means, 14 15 wherein in the EDI procedure, the EDI data is received, and wherein in the linkage procedure, a relevant transaction of the transaction 16 document attached to the EDI data is discerned and, when a transaction document is attached to 17 the received EDI data and the attached transaction document is discerned as a document of a 18 transaction already in progress, the attached document is accumulated as the latest version of the 19 relevant transaction document which is managed with relation to the transaction and, when the 20 transaction document is discerned as a document of a new transaction, the attached document is 21 accumulated as the first version of a new document and the receiving information of the EDI 22 23 data registered in the version control information.

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11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented): The document management/EDI system linkage unit according to claim 3, wherein the document management means comprises a lock means for temporarily inhibiting the update of a document, and the linkage means temporarily inhibits the update of the relevant transaction document using the lock means when the transaction document is sent by the EDI means, and cancels update inhibition at least when the transaction document is received, a transaction is terminated and sending is disabled.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented): The document management/EDI system linkage method according to claim 7, wherein in the document management step, the update of a document is temporarily inhibited as a lock control, and in the linkage step, the update of the relevant transaction document is temporarily inhibited by executing the lock control when the transaction document was sent through the EDI step, and, update inhibition is cancelled at least when the transaction document is received, a transaction is terminated, and sending is disabled.